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Reply To: 3460

Date: 8/3/89

Mr. Holliday Obrecht, Wildlife Biologist
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Dear Holly:

On June 28, 1989, Rod Whiteman of my staff conducted an aerial survey of gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center. Additionally, an Optical Bar Camera aerial photography mission intended to detect defoliation was flown over your site on June 30, 1989. Approximately 62 acres of moderate defoliation (31-60%) and 157 acres of heavy defoliation (61 - 100%) were detected on this site. Please refer to the enclosed map (Figure 1) for geographical locations of these defoliated areas.

Because of the possible build-up of gypsy moth populations throughout the National Capitol Region, we will be conducting gypsy moth egg mass surveys in the area this fall. If you are interested in including your site in this survey, please contact Rod Whiteman or Russ MacFarlane at (304)-291-4133 by August 25, 1989 to schedule this activity.

If you think that there is a need to treat gypsy moth populations next spring, please contact myself or Brad Onken about the availability of Forest Service financial assistance by September 1, 1989. We can be reached at the same number.

Please feel free to call this office if you have any questions regarding this defoliation survey or other forest pest problems at your site.

Sincerely,

for NOEL F. SCHNEEBERGER
Entomologist
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cc: AO
Regional Headquarters, Fish and Wildlife Research

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Figure 1 -- Gypsy Moth Defoliation Survey, June 28 and June 30, 1989.

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